

The 17 February, 2011

Proposed

1. (1) These rules may be called the Haryana Media Accreditation Rules, 2008.
 - (2) They shall come into force at once.
 2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) **"Haryana Media Accreditation Committee"** means a Committee constituted by the Haryana Government for grant of accreditation to mediapersons;
 - (b) **"Newspaper"** shall have the same meaning as defined in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867);
 - (c) **"Media"** shall include newspapers, news periodicals, news magazines, wire service and non-wire service news agencies, news feature agencies, electronic media agencies and publications containing news and comments on public news.
 - (d) **"Weekly", "Fortnightly" and "Monthly"** newspapers/periodicals shall not have less than 45, 22 and 11 issues in a year respectively;
 - (e) **"Director, Information Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana"** means the Director, Information Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana of Haryana Government; hereinafter referred to as "DIPR".
 - (f) **"Working Journalist"** means any working journalist as defined in the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1955(45 of 1955);
 - (g) **"Contractual Journalist"(including stringer)** means a media representative engaged on regular or part-time contract basis in the work of news media/press as authorised by an Editor/News Editor/appointing authority.;
 - (h) **"Stringer/contract for service"** means a news representative not in the wholetime employment of any newspaper, news agency/electronic media and who is paid salary/fee by these media organisations. Their main avocation may or may not be journalism.
 - (i) **"Editor-cum-Correspondent"** means editor-cum-correspondent of a weekly, fortnightly and monthly news publication;
 - (j) **"Accreditation"** means recognition to news media/press representative by the Haryana Government for the purpose of access to sources of information in the Government or in public interest and also to news materials, written or pictorial, released by the DIPR or other agencies of the Government of Haryana;
 - (k) **"Electronic News Media Organisation (Television or Radio)"** shall include any news TV/Radio channel/station or any other electronic medium of news dissemination duly recognized by Accreditation Committee. ;

3. (1) The Government of Haryana shall constitute a Committee called the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "HMAC") to discharge the functions laid down under these rules.

(2) The HMAC shall consist of Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana, as Chairperson; DIPR/ADIPR as Member Secretary and members representing associations/organisations of working journalists/mediapersons who should otherwise be eligible for accreditation under these rules.

(3) The HMAC once constituted shall function **for a period of three years** from the date of its first meeting or till the new committee is constituted.

(4) The HMAC shall meet quarterly on first Monday of every quarter month. For example, the first meeting will be held on first Monday of January, 2nd on April, 3rd on July and the 4th on October. The DIPR/ADIPR shall be competent to grant accreditation on temporary basis to those applicants who apply between the intervening period of the meetings of the committee. These cases, however, shall be put up to the HMAC for grant of regular accreditation.

(5) The decisions of the HMAC shall be taken on the basis of majority of the members present or voting.

General Terms of
Accreditation.

4. (1) Accreditation shall be given in accordance with these rules to news media/press representatives of various categories in different types of news-media/press organisations as per eligibility conditions laid down in Schedule I and within the quota limit specified in Schedule-II of these rules.

(2) Accreditation shall be granted to only those representatives, who have been appointed at State, District, Sub Divisional, **block level** headquarters or National Capital Territory, Delhi **covering Haryana news** and residing at their place of posting.

(3) Accreditation does not confer any official or special status on the correspondent. It merely recognises and identifies him as representative of the newspaper/agency/electronic media which employs him. It must be used only for journalistic purpose. The words 'Accredited to Haryana Government' shall not be used on visiting cards, letterheads or any other literature.

(4) Accreditation of representatives of only those media organisations shall be considered which have been functioning or operating for at least **one years** continuously. Also the applicant should have at least one year experience in the field of journalism. **HMAC could consider the application of new organizations on case to case basis.**

(5) The circulation certificate issued by Registrar News of India or Audit Bureau of Circulation, **DAVP, CA alongwith an affidavit** shall be considered for grant of accreditation.

(6) Publications should carry at least 50 per cent of its contents as news and/or comments of general public interest. It shall also include news and information **relating to Haryana State.**

(7) Publications containing information of sectional interest **or promotional propaganda** such as house journals, technical/professional publications etc. are not eligible for accreditation.

(8) The organisations owned and run by cable operators providing cable television service through cable television network shall not be eligible for accreditation.

(9) Accreditation is personal and non transferable.

(10) When the representative ceases to represent the newspaper/agency/electronic media for which he is accredited, his accreditation shall be deemed to be cancelled from the day he ceases to represent that organisation. However, this fact should also be brought to the notice of the DIPR/ADIPR in writing with immediate effect by both the representative and the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Resident Editor or Appointing Authority, as the case may be and the Accreditation Card may be returned back to DIPR/ADIPR within 15 days.

(11) An 'Accreditation Card' shall be issued to each accredited representative which shall be valid for various functions and press conferences. Admission to special functions including press conference, however, shall be governed by invitation.

(12) Editors/News Editors/Resident Editor of a reputed and well-established National/Regional daily newspaper and **TV channel** having circulation not less than 20,000 in the case of newspaper and **minimum annual revenue of Rs. 15 lakh from news clips and news service in the case of electronic media** may also be granted accreditation.

5. (1) The mediaperson who wishes to seek accreditation may apply in the prescribed form as given at Annexure-I alongwith all requisite documents/proofs claimed, duly signed by the Editor-in-Chief/Editor/Managing Editor/Resident Editor/Editor/News Editor or appointing/competent authority, as the case may be. Procedure for Accreditation.

(2) The mediaperson based at State headquarters shall apply through his Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the **appointing/competent authority** directly to Director, Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs, Haryana while those based at District and Sub Division/block level shall apply to the concerned District Information Public Relations Officer (DIPRO) of their district.

(3) Mediaperson based at Delhi covering Haryana only shall apply through Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Managing Editor, Resident Editor or the appointing authority to the Joint/Deputy Director or the **Incharge, Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi.**

(4) The Director, Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana, can call for any information and documents considered for the purpose of ensuring credibility and genuineness of cases of accreditation, at the time of accreditation or at its renewal or at any other time, if, so required.

(5) The list of accredited mediaperson shall be reviewed normally once in a year by the Director, Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana, for the purpose of changes in respect of accredited mediapersons of newspapers, news agencies and electronic media.

6. (1) A mediaperson shall be liable to disaccreditation if;

Disaccreditation.

(a) The mediaperson ignores or violates the conditions on which he/she was given accreditation, accreditation will cease to exist and is also liable to be withdrawn/suspended if it is found to have been misused;

(b) An applicant or a media organisation is found to have supplied false/ fraudulent/ forged information/ documents, the representative/ media organisation shall be deemed as debarred from accreditation up to a maximum of five years;

(c) In case during the course of his duties, the media person behaves in an undignified or unprofessional manner, the Haryana Media Accreditation Committee shall give him an opportunity of a personal hearing before taking any decision.

(d) In case an accredited mediaperson is found to be associated with any political party or its office bearer, then in that case, his accreditation would be cancelled after affording an opportunity of hearing to him.

(2) Accreditation of a mediaperson may be suspended at the discretion of the State Government. The matter, along with any representation that may be received from the representative, shall be referred to the Media Accreditation Committee for advice. Government decision in the matter shall, however, be final.

(3) The Administrative Secretary of **Information, Public Relations and Cultural Affairs or Chairperson of HMAC** shall have the power to grant regular accreditation in cases where an accredited news media/press representative changes his organisation to another accredited organisation.

(4) The HMAC reserves to itself the right to recommend or reject grant of accreditation. In all accreditation cases, decision of the Government shall be final.

Note :—Accreditation is a facility not a right. Hence, it could not be challenged in any court of law.

SCHEDULE-I
ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

[See rule 4(i)]

(A) News Organisations (Print Media)

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
1	2	3
1.	Newspapers(daily) published from Haryana, Chandigarh including Mohali	Circulation should not be less than 15,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
2.	Newspapers(daily) published from outside Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 20,000 copies of 4 full size pages per publishing day.
3.	Newspapers(Daily Evening) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
4.	Newspapers Weekly published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2500 copies of 4 pages of tabloid size per publishing day.
5.	Periodicals/Magazines (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 2000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
6.	Periodicals/Magazines (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from outside Haryana	Circulation should not be less than 10,000 copies with a minimum of 40 pages per publishing day in case of magazine whereas in case of newspapers with a minimum of 4 full size pages or 8 tabloid size pages per publishing day.
7.	Wire news agency	(a) Annual revenue not less than Rs. 20 lakh. (b) Should have at least 30 paid news subscribers.
8.	News Photo Agency/News Features Agency	(a) Annual revenue not less than Rs.2.5 lakh. (b) Should have at least 20 paid subscribers.

(B) Electronic Media Representatives

Sr. No.	Category	Conditions
1	2	3
1.	Correspondents and Cameraman	Minimum one year professional experience as a full time working/contractual journalist/ cameraman in a news organisation(s).
2.	Television/Radio News Agencies	(a) A minimum annual revenue of Rs.15 lakh from news clips/news service, etc. (b) Should supply news clips/news service to at least 5 subscribing Satellite Television/ Radio organisation on regular basis.

- * In case of 1 & 2 categories, proof of latest circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.
- * In case of 3 to 5 categories, proof of latest circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit or any other proof as acceptable to PIB for granting accreditation, or an affidavit to this effect shall have to be given.
- * In case of category 6, proof of circulation issued by ABC, RNI, DAVP or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.
- * In case of categories 7 to 10, latest Income Tax returns, as proof of their annual revenue and proof of paid subscribers or CA certificate with an affidavit for granting accreditation, shall have to be given.

SCHEDULE - II*[See Rule 4(1)]***SCHEDULE OF QUOTAS FIXED FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF NEWSPAPERS/MEDIA ESTABLISHMENTS, ETC.****(A) PRINT MEDIA/WIRE NEWS AGENCIES****(I) Daily Newspapers**

Serial No.	Place	Correspondent	Photographer	Sports
1.	State headquarters	Three (3)	Two (2)	One (1)
2.	District headquarters	Two (2)	One (1)	—
3.	Sub Division level	One (1)	—	—
4.	Block level	One(1)	—	—
5.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	A total of two (2), out of which one may be a photographer.		
6.	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor +(from where newspaper published)	One(1)		

**(II) Daily Evening Newspapers and Periodicals
(weekly/fortnightly/monthly published from Haryana)**

Serial No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent	Photographer
1.	State/District/Sub-division headquarters (where newspaper published)	One (1)	One (1).

(III) News publications (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) published from outside Haryana

Serial No.	Place	Editor or Correspondent
1.	State headquarters	One (1)

(B) ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Serial No.	Place	TV	Radio
1.	State headquarters	Two teams	Two Correspondents
2.	District headquarters	One team	One correspondent
3.	National Capital Territory, Delhi	One team	One correspondent
4.	Editor/News Editor/Resident Editor (from where the news channel operates)		One (1)

* TV Team shall consist of one Correspondent and one Cameraman/Assistant Cameraman.

* Electronic media channels having their news programme centres in Haryana, as in case of Doordarshan Kendra in Hisar, shall be granted accreditation for a total of two teams from that centre.

ANNEXURE I*[See Rule 5(1)]***APPLICATION FORM FOR MEDIA PERSONS SEEKING ACCREDITATION FROM
HARYANA GOVERNMENT**

1. Full Name :
(in block letters)
2. Father's Name :
(in block letters)
3. Date and Place of Birth :
4. Accreditation sought on behalf of :
5. Place of functioning with date :
6. (a) Place of publication and periodicity :
- (b) Circulation according to Registrar
News of India/Audit Bureau Circulation :
(Attested copy be attached)
- (c) Circulation of the newspaper in Haryana :
(attach proof)
7. Area to be covered :
8. Capacity in which employed :
(i) Wholtime :
(ii) Stringer :
(iii) Any other, please specify :
9. Emoluments drawn from the organisation :
(attach attested copies of engagement/
appointment letter and proof of
emoluments from the employer)
10. Educational and other qualifications :
11. Whether working for any other :
Newspaper/News Agency/Electronic Media or
any other job, occupation. :
If so, give details (apart from which accreditation sought)

12. Give details of the experience in the profession of journalism in following proforma :

Name of Newspaper/ agency/Electronic Media	Capacity in which worked/ working	Period of service		Salary being drawn according to wage News Board/Contractual
		From	To	

(Attach attested copies of proof of experience)

13. Permanent address in full (copy of residence proof be attached).....
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14. Present address at place of work (in full)
(i) Telephone Number of office and residence
(ii) Mobile Number and e-mail address (if any)

Signature of Applicant

Certificate

- (i) Certified that I have been representing (Name of Newspaper/News Agency/Electronic Media).....with effect from.....
- (ii) Certified that I have never been convicted by any court of law on the grounds of moral turpitude.
- (iii) Certified that all the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- (iv) I understand that wrong/false information may lead to withdrawal of my accreditation.

Place

Date

Signature of Applicant

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE NEWSPAPER/NEWS AGENCY/ELECTRONIC MEDIA'S OFFICE

1. The capacity in which the application is working (given details with designation)
2. Date from which he / she has been working with the organisation
3. Present Place of work

Place

Date

Signature of Editor/Managing Editor/
Editor-in-Chief/Resident Editor/New Editor/
Appointing/Competent Authority of the organisation.
(with office seal)

Note : 1. If the information given above is found to be incorrect, the department reserves the right to cancel the accreditation.

DR. K. K. KHANDELWAL,

Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to
Government, Haryana, Information, Public Relations
and Cultural Affairs Department.

Chandigarh :

The 27th August, 2010

Check list of mandatory document to be attached by the applicant

- (1) Proof of circulation (in case of news publications), proof of annual revenue turn-over and paid subscribers (in case of electronic media)
- (2) Proof of district-wise circulation in Haryana
- (3) Proof of media organisation functioning/operation of at least three years
- (4) Proof of at least one year experience in Journalism
- (5) Six stamp size photographs
- (6) Engagement/appointment letter
- (7) Salary slip/proof
- (8) Residence proof

(Signature of the applicant)

NB : Applicant must ticked the documents attached by him with the application form. This would avoid delay in processing his application from and granting accreditation.

**Minutes of Meeting of Haryana Media Accreditation Committee held on 12 November 2008 at Haryana
Media Centre, Civil Secretariat, Haryana**

The meeting was attended by the following :

1. The Commissioner & Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana Information and Public Relations Department, Haryana – Chairman, HMAAC
2. The Editor, Dainik Tribune & Member, HMAAC, Chandigarh
3. Director (News), AIR and Member, HMAAC, Chandigarh
4. Sh. K.B. Pandit, Member, HMAAC, Chandigarh
5. Sh. Sanjay Rathi, President, Haryana Union of Journalist, Rohtak (Affiliated with NUJI)
6. Sh. Ashwani K. Anand, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 356, Sector 22, Chandigarh
7. Sh. V.K. Jalali, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 120-B, Meghdoot Colony, Sector 37, Chandigarh
8. Sh. Rajesh Ahuja, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 631, Sec. 6, Panchkula.
9. Sh. Ramesh Vinayak, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 1641, Sector 39, Chandigarh
10. Sh. Balwant Takshak, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 3911, Sector 22, Chandigarh
11. Sh. N.S. Parwana, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 1081, Sec. 44B, Chandigarh
12. Sh. B.K.Chum, Member, HMAAC, H.No. 1059, Sector 44, Chandigarh
13. Sh. Devender Uppal, Editor, Pathak Paksh * Member, HMAAC, H.No. 33-S, Model Town, Hisar.

At the outset, the committee approved the recommendations / suggestion made by the sub-committee in its meeting held on September 04, 2008 at Haryana Niwas, Sector 3, Chandigarh for incorporation in the New Haryana Media Accreditation Rule, 2008.

A brief description of some the important recommendations / suggestion approved for incorporation in the New Haryana Media Accreditation Rule, 2008 are as follows for ready reference :

- (i) Granting of Accreditation to on correspondent of daily newspaper at Block Level.
- (ii) Inclusion of one sports correspondent of daily newspapers at State headquarters.
- (iii) Holding of the meeting of HMAAC quarterly, tentatively on first Monday.
- (iv) The HMAAC once constituted shall function for a period of three years from the date of its first meeting or till the new committee is constituted.
- (v) The continuous period of functioning of a media organization for the purpose of grant of accreditation to his representative has been reduced to one year instead of three year.
- (vi) For circulation a certificate issued by CA along with an affidavit by the applicant has also been include in the Rule 4(5).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.